

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

The amendment to the specification is being made for clarifying purposes only, no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

The following is a marked up version of the replacement paragraph indicated in the preliminary amendment and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicants have used the convention underline to indicate added text and {brackets} to indicate deleted text.

[0023] Referring now to FIG. 3, a flow diagram 300 is shown depicting exemplary steps followed in at least partially disabling electronic devices, such as personal electronic devices. In the exemplary steps shown, a warning message is provided to persons nearing and/or entering the area in which the devices may be shut down and/or disabled (step 310). The warning message may be in any of a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, printed signs, electronic displays, lighted signs, audible messages, among others. When an electronic device is in and/or near the specified area, a transmitter may selectively transmit an RF signal throughout the area (step 320). The electronic devices in and/or near the area may include receivers which are configured to receive the RF signal (step 330) and further to interpret the signal as a disablement or shut-down signal. In an exemplary embodiment, the electronic devices will interpret the RF signal as a disablement or shut-down signal and will carry out procedures to partially disable the electronic devices automatically (step 340).